

Innovated Dye Development for DSSC Application

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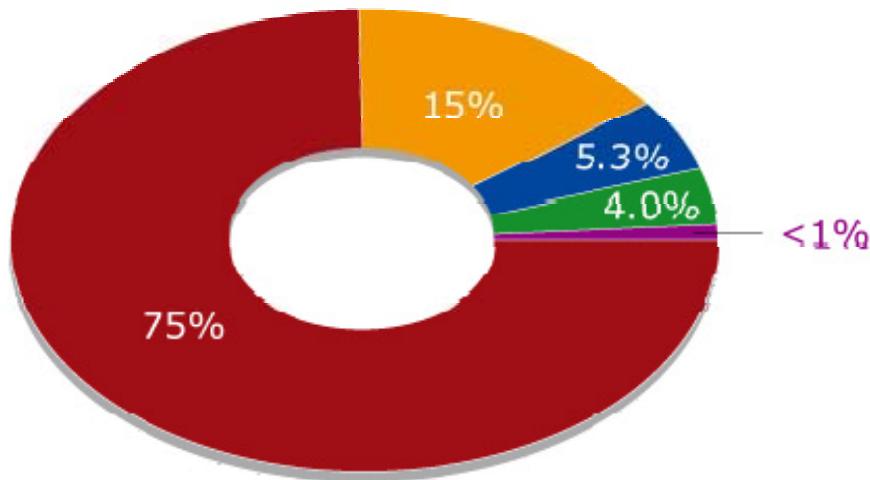
Outline

- Everlight Group in Brief
- Innovated DSSC Dye Development
 - Organic dye series A
 - Organic dye series B
 - Organic dye series C
 - Novel Ru-Complex
- Future Concern on DSSC

Everlight Group in Brief

- Founded in 1972
- 1,200 Employees in world-wide
- Revenue: US \$190 M (2008)

Invests 4% of Revenue on R&D



- 色料事業 Color Chemicals
- 特化事業 Specialty Chemicals
- 電化事業 Electronic Chemicals
- 醫藥事業 Pharmaceuticals
- 奈米事業 Nano-Materials

PLANT FACILITIES



Plant 1
1976
TaoYuan
大園



Plant 2
1987
TaoYuan
觀音



Plant 3
1992
Taoyuan
觀音



SuZhou
Everlight
2006

China 蘇州SIP
Center



Trend
Tone
Imaging

2005

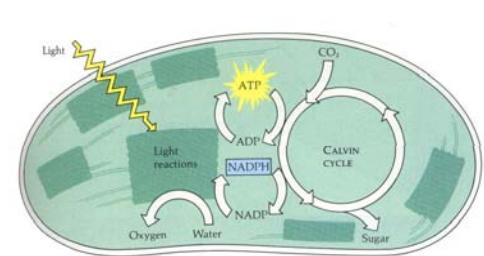
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Technology

From Bionics to DSSC

Can laptops run on spinach ?



Spinach photosynthetic power
can create electricity.

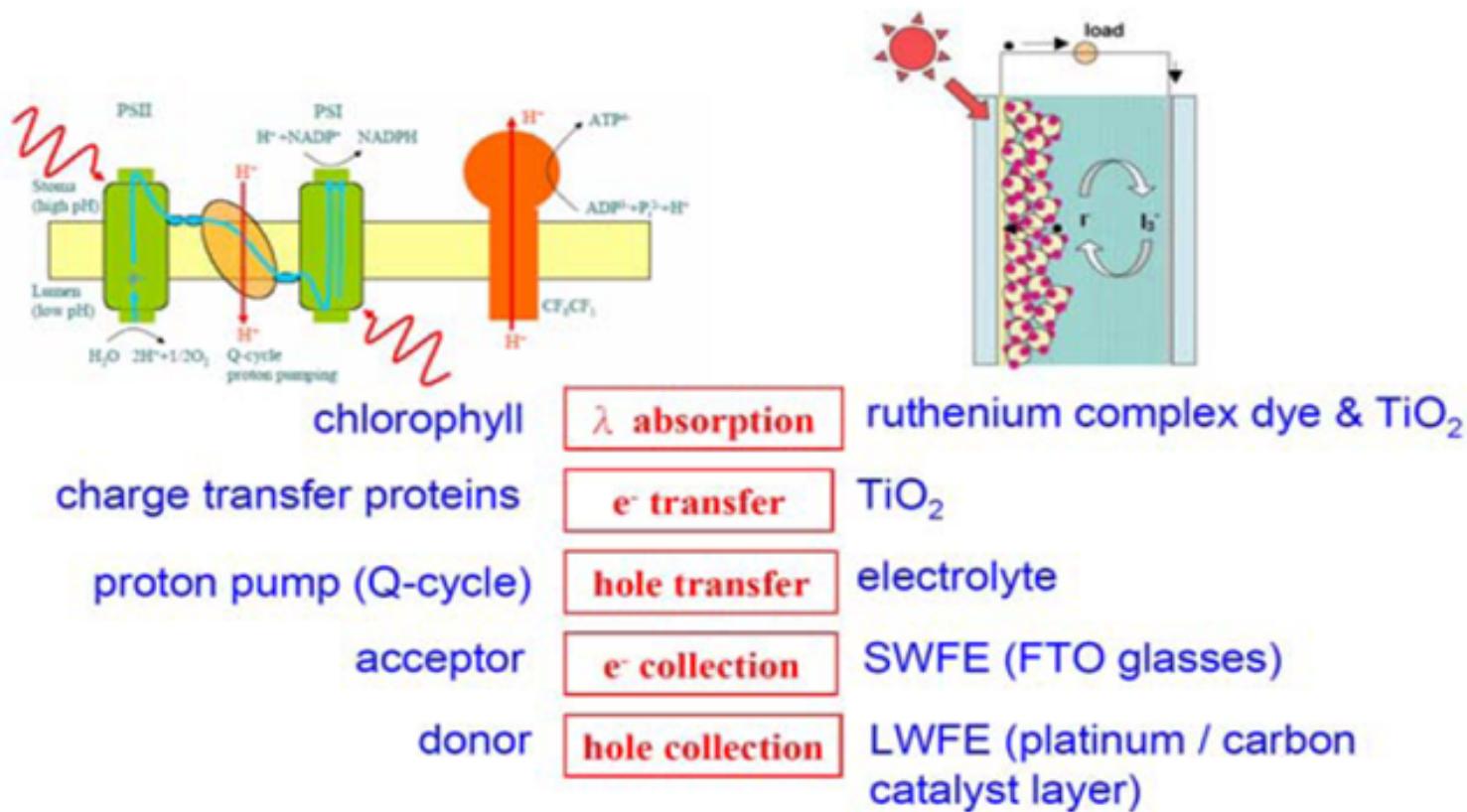


Integration of Photosynthetic Protein Molecular Complexes in Solid-State Electronic Devices

Nanoletters 2004, vol 4, pp 1079 - 1083

Photosynthesis and Biomimicry

Artificial photosynthesis — Grätzel cell



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Classification of Dye Sensitizers

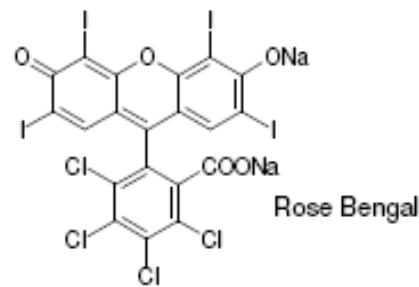
- Metal-free Organic Dye :

- ↑ High ϵ , Bright(colors), Flexibility of molecular design
- ↓ Low Voc, Less durability

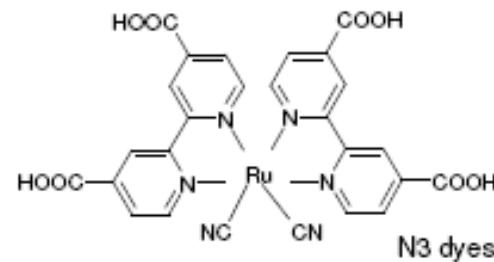
- Metal Complex Dye :

- ↑ Stability, Wide range absorption
- ↓ Noble rare metal, Less flexibility of molecular design

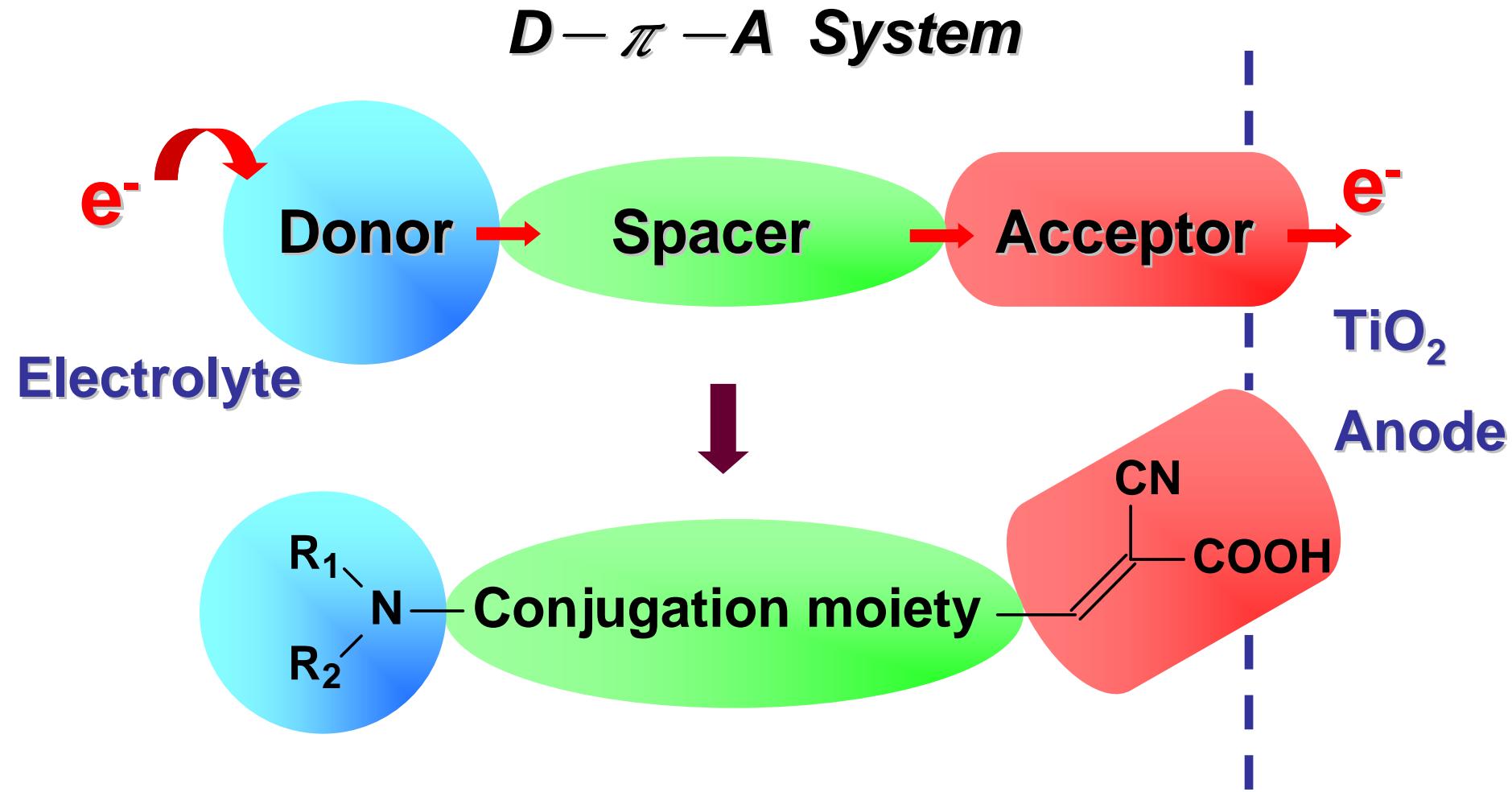
Tsubomura et al., *Nature*, Vol.261, 402(1976)
 $ZnO + Rose Bengal$



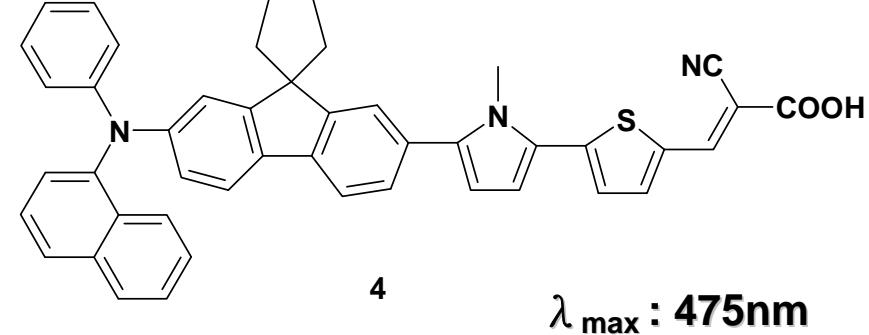
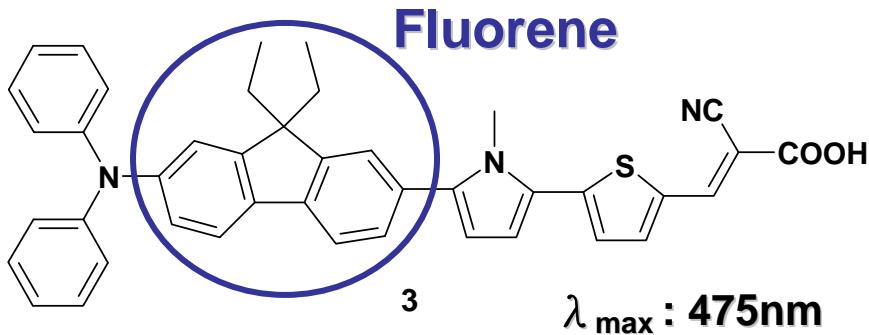
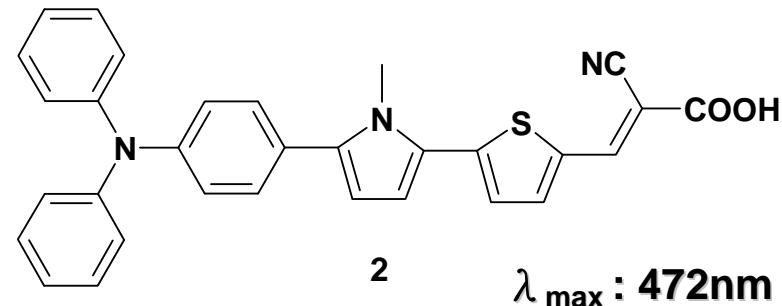
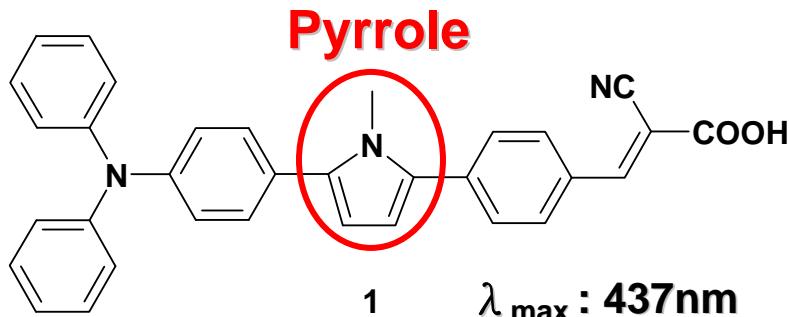
O'Regan et. al., *Nature*, Vol.353, 737(1991)
 $TiO_2 + Ru\text{ Complex}$



Organic Dye Designed Model

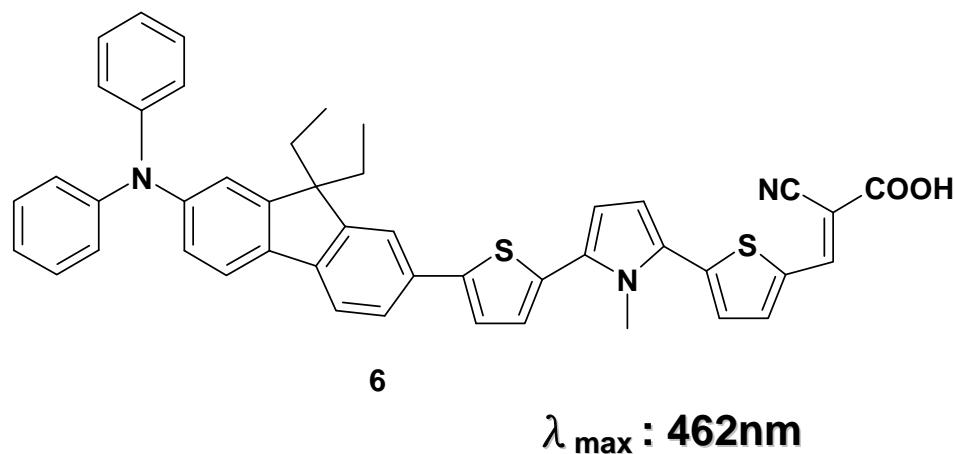
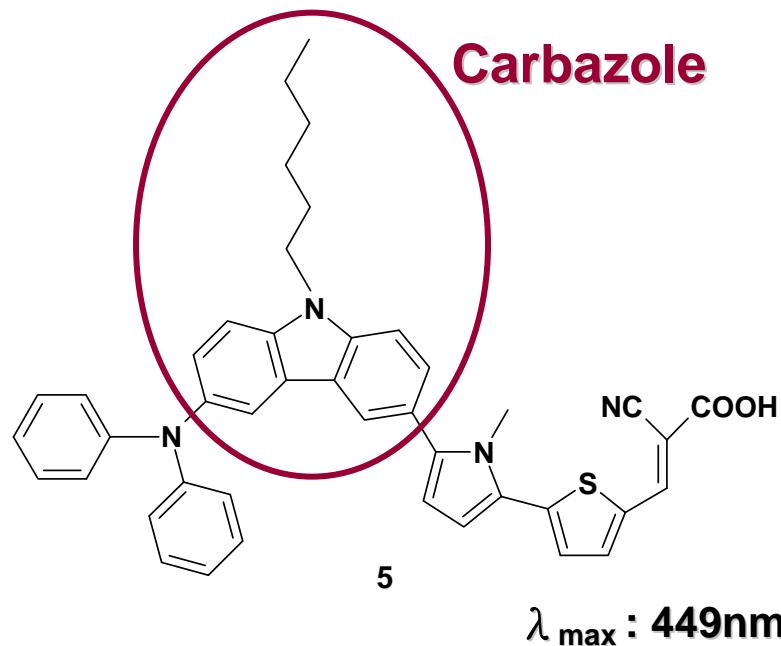


Model A series : Pyrrole-based Spacers



- * Pyrrole's electron-rich property, inducing good charge transfer transition.
- * Fluorene has good electron conductivity and stability.

Pyrrole-based Spacers (cont.)



* Carbazole enable poor electron transition because it's non-linear structure.

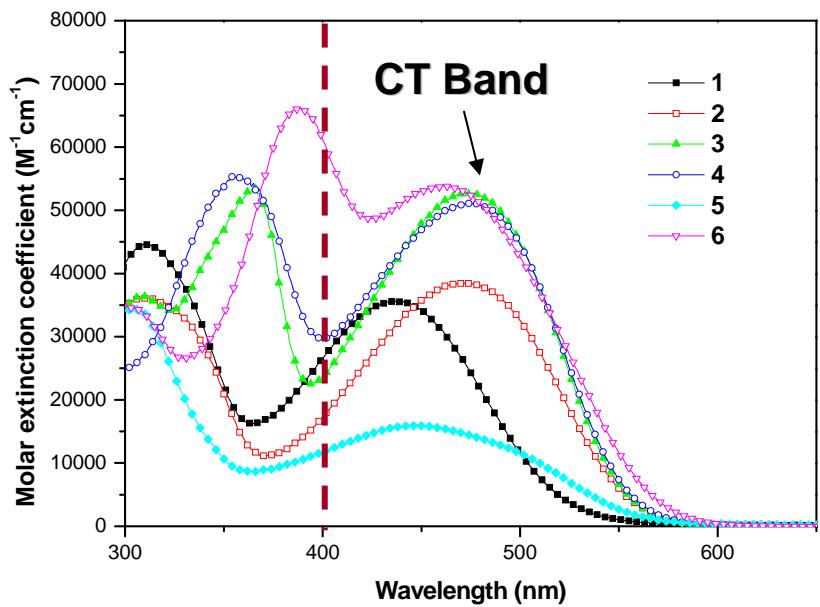
Performance of Model A series Dyes

Dye	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA/cm ²)	FF	η (%)
1	0.60	13.47	0.59	4.77
2	0.57	14.20	0.60	4.79
3	0.61	18.14	0.56	6.16
4	0.64	16.79	0.58	6.18
5	0.58	12.93	0.64	4.80
6	0.60	13.54	0.64	5.25
N719	0.72	16.08	0.63	7.19

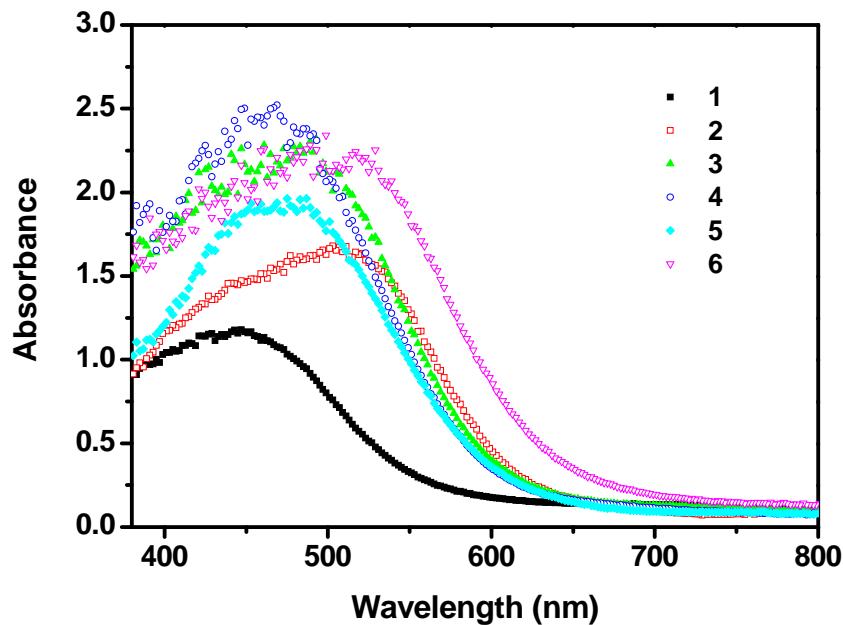
Test conditions:

1. Active area : 0.25 cm²
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3. TiO₂ thickness : 15 μm
4. 3X10⁻⁴ M in THF
5. I⁻ / I₃⁻ Liquid electrolyte

Optical Properties



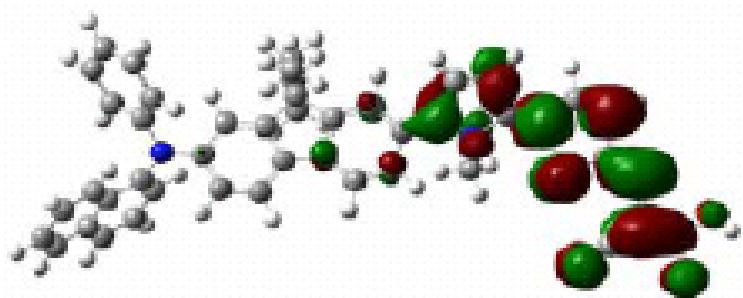
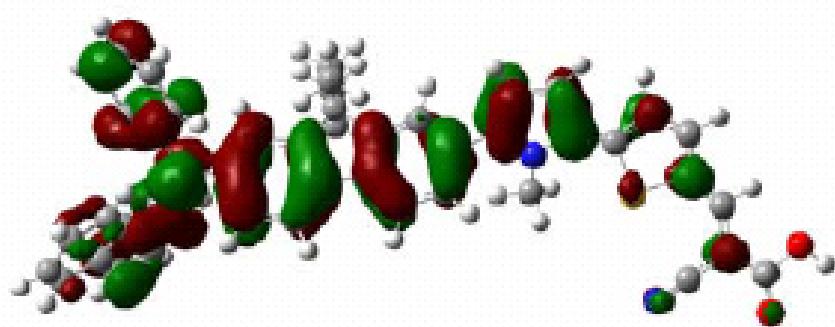
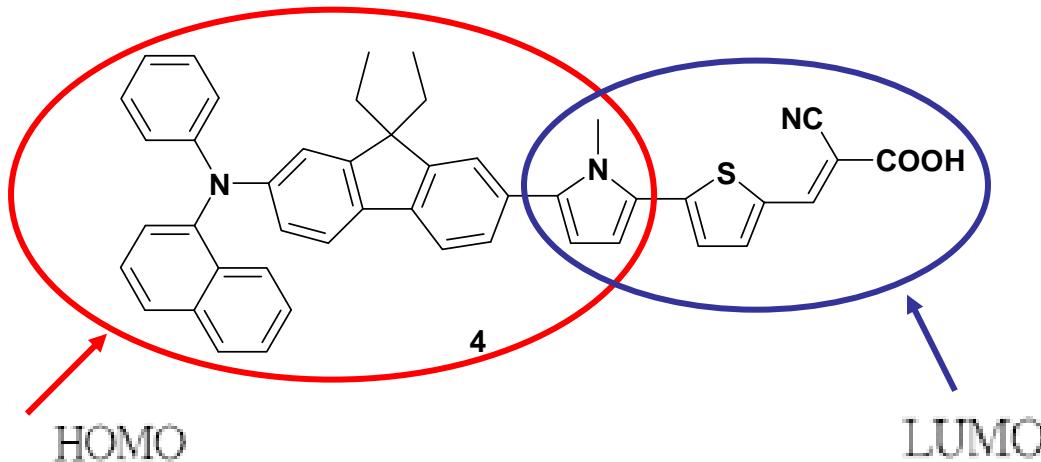
Absorption spectra of the dyes recorded in THF



UV-vis curves of the dyes on TiO_2 electrode

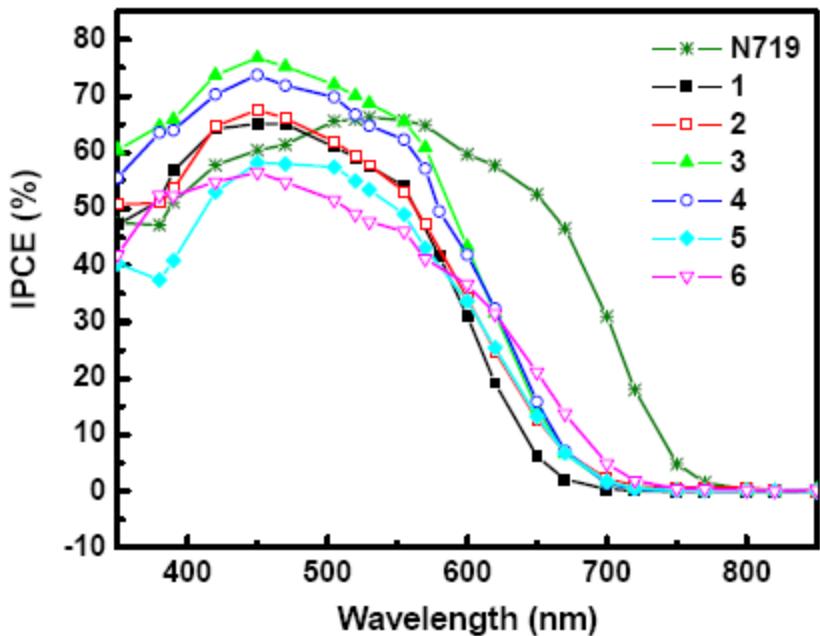
* Compound 3 , 4 has strong absorption at CT band , so they have more better efficiency than other dyes.

Selected Frontier Orbitals

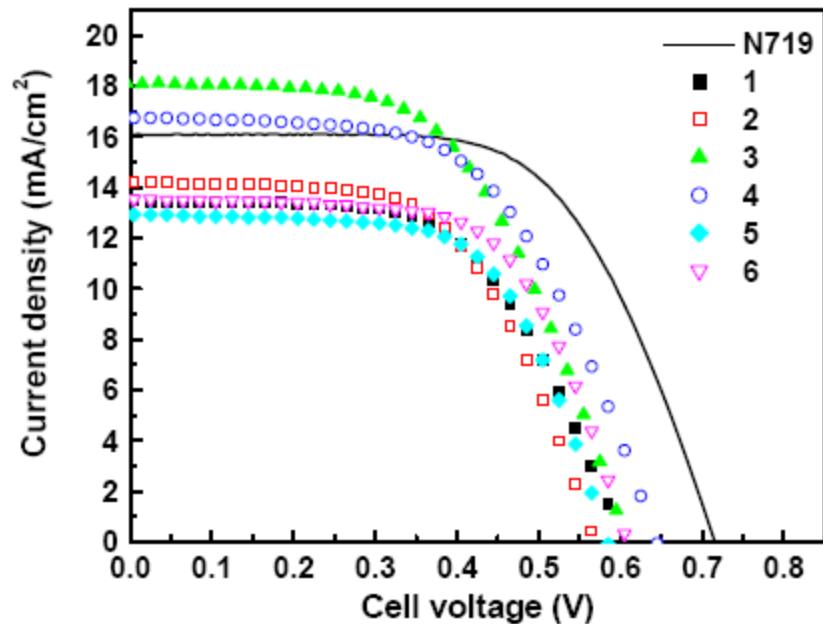


* Excellent charge-shift effect for compound 4 .

Photovoltaic Measurement



IPCE plots for DSSCs



J-V curves of DSSCs based on the dyes

***Compound 3 , 4 has excellent quantum efficiency (IPCE)**

Conclusion of Model A series Dyes

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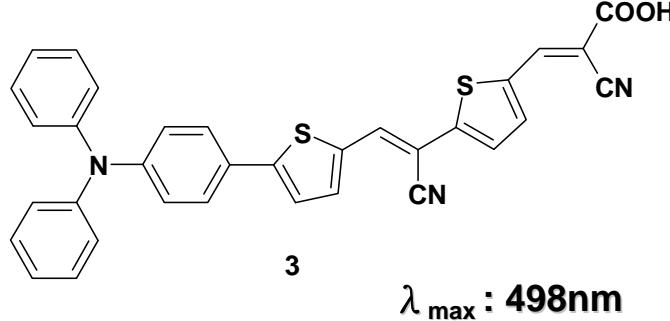
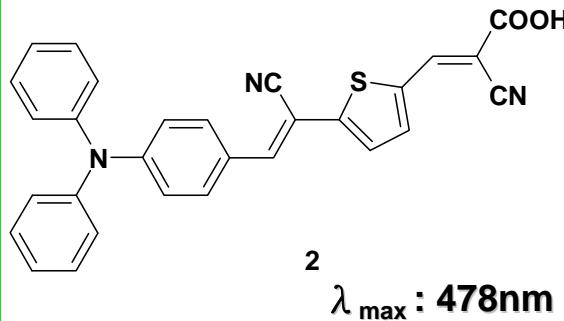
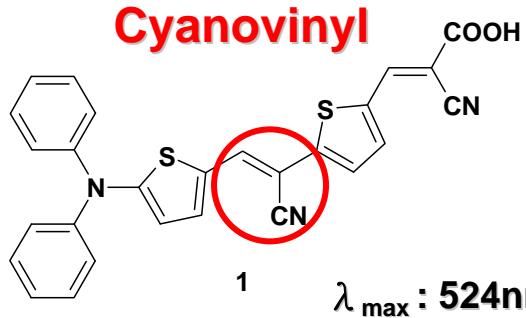
- * Pyrrole moiety have larger dihedral angle
- * More efficient light-harvesting capabilities for 3, 4
- * Large oscillator strength f for 3,4 (HOMO → LUMO transition)
- * The efficiencies are 66-- 86% of the standard cell from N719

Model B series :

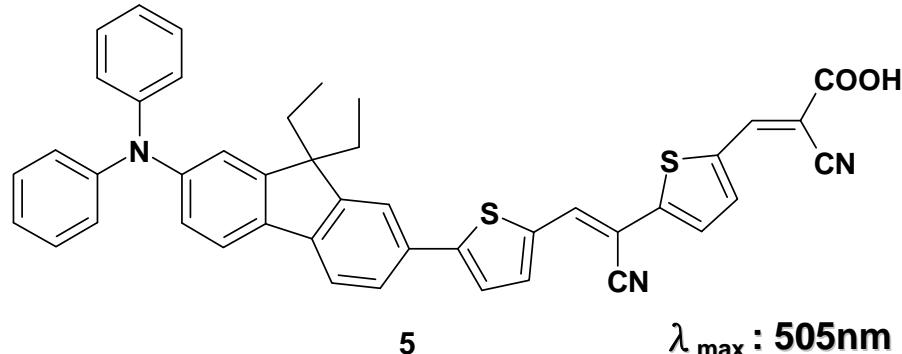
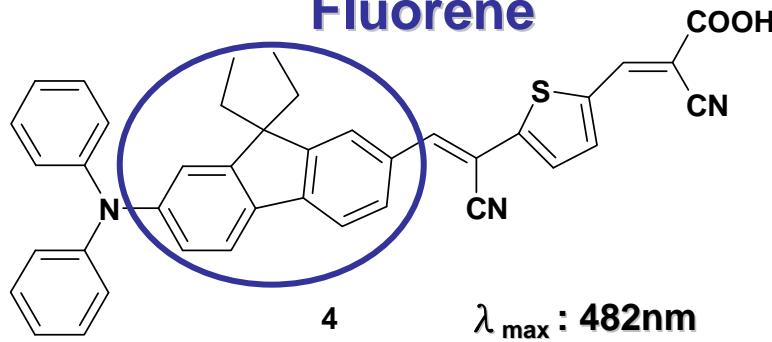
Cyanovinyl Entity Spacers



Cyanovinyl

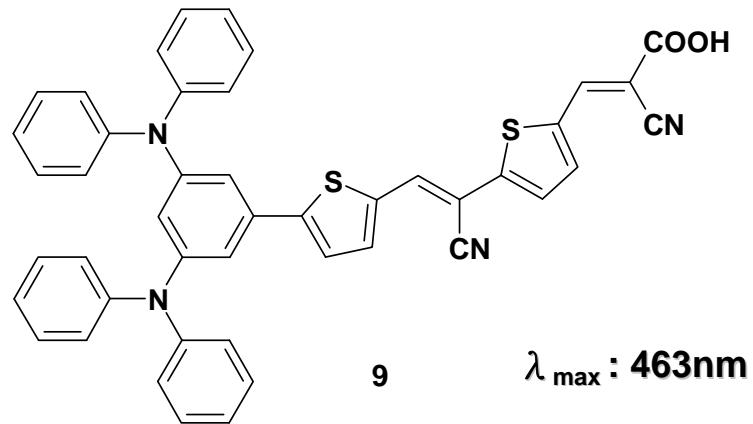
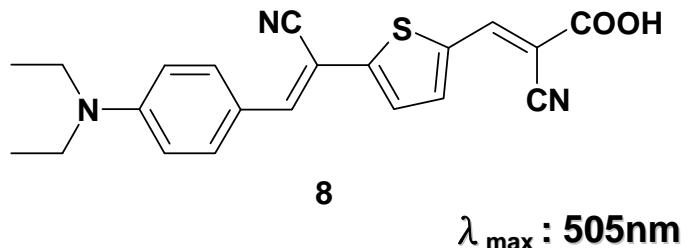
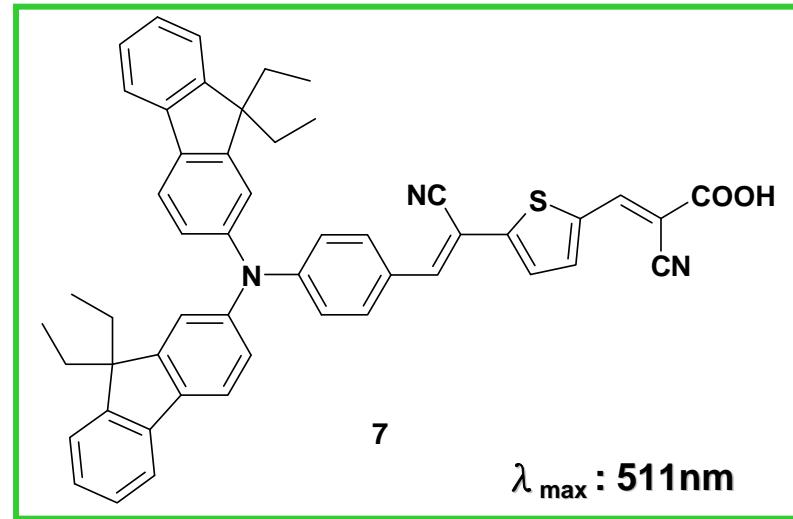
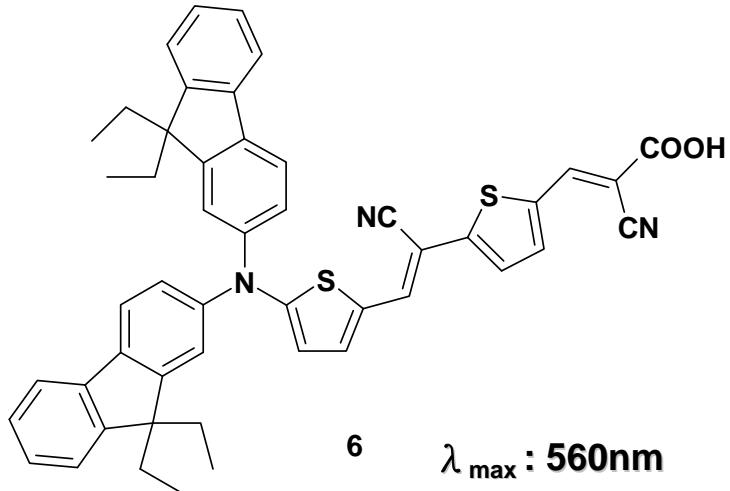


Fluorene



* Cyanovinyl : good electron-pull and charge-trapping effect

Cyanovinyl Entity Spacers (cont.)



Performance of Model B series Dyes

Dye	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA/cm ²)	FF	η (%)
1	0.57	13.43	0.64	4.92
2	0.59	11.40	0.64	4.28
3	0.56	11.43	0.65	4.15
4	0.58	11.00	0.69	4.34
5	0.55	9.56	0.66	3.48
6	0.58	11.96	0.65	4.51
7	0.61	12.48	0.64	4.81
8	0.56	11.56	0.62	4.04
9	0.55	9.24	0.68	3.48
N719	0.70	16.21	0.63	7.16

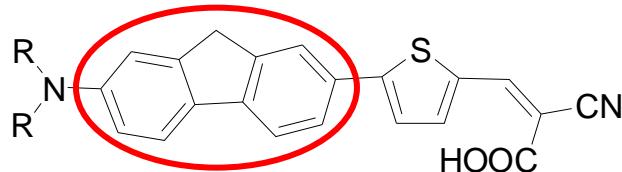
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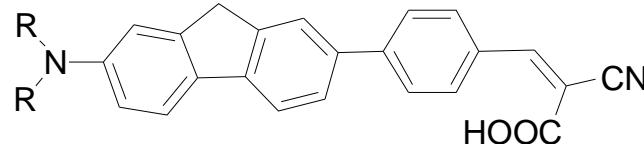
*The efficiencies are 45-- 70% of the standard cell from N719

Model Series C :

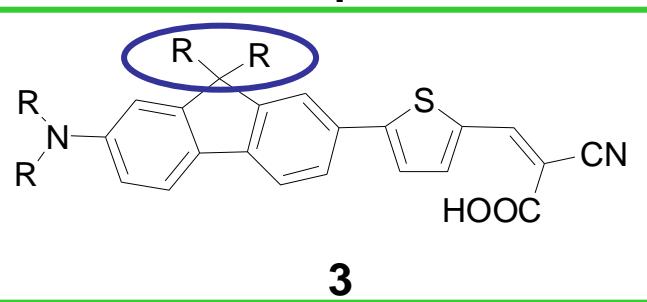
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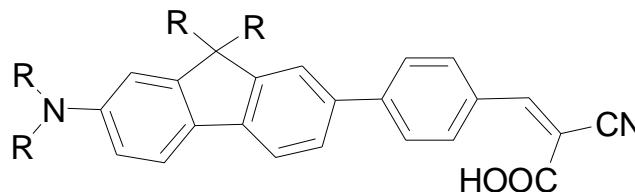
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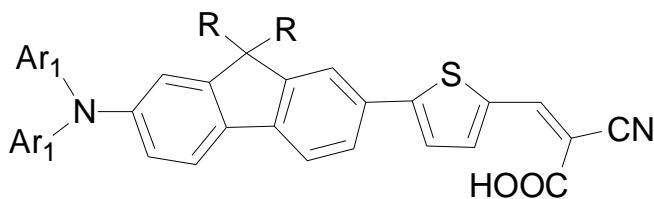
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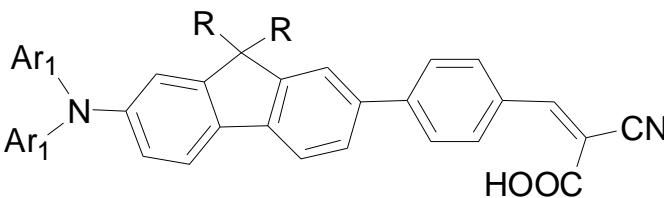
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4



5



6

R : alkyl group

Ar₁ : aryl group

Performance of Model series C Dyes

Dye	J_{SC} (mA/cm ²)	V_{OC} (V)	FF	η (%)
1	6.28	0.61	0.66	2.54
2	8.40	0.60	0.63	3.15
3	13.16	0.69	0.64	5.82
4	11.00	0.68	0.58	4.68
5	10.28	0.69	0.65	4.90
6	10.30	0.70	0.63	4.58
N719	14.12	0.74	0.65	6.81

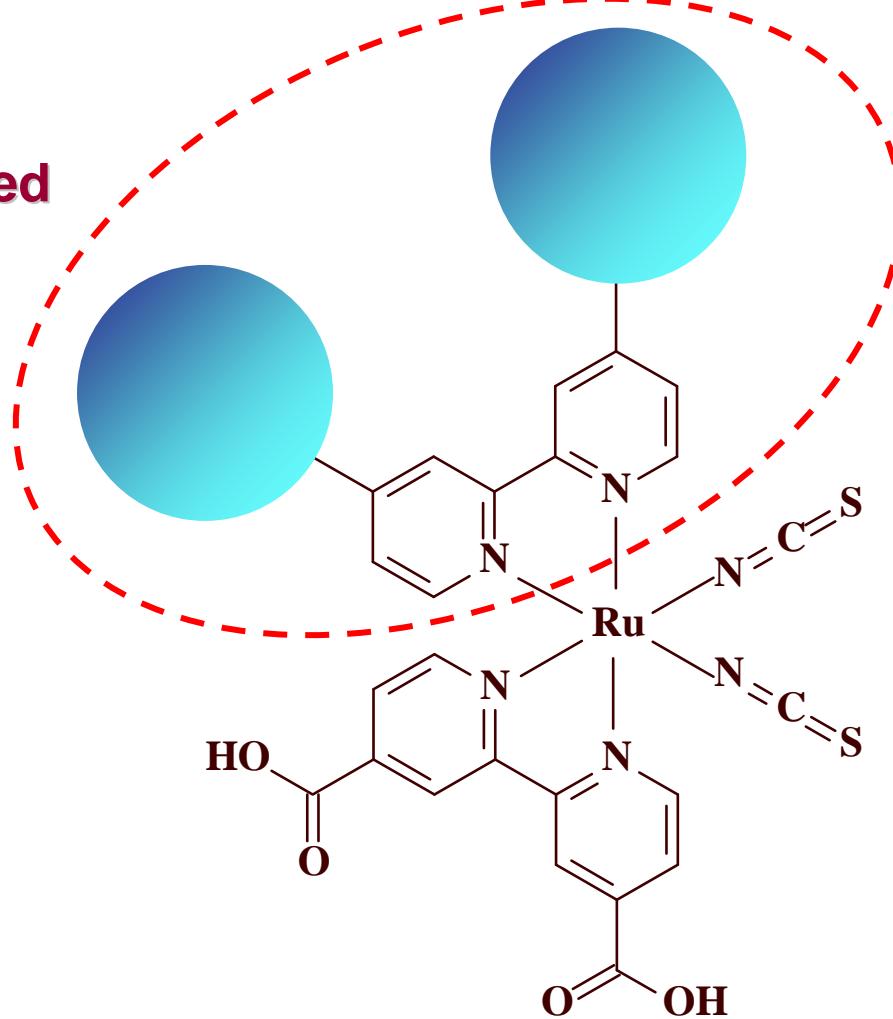
Test conditions:

1. Active area : 0.25 cm²
2. Light source : 100 mW/cm²
3. TiO₂ thickness : 15 μm
4. 3X10⁻⁴ M in THF
5. I / I₃⁻ Liquid electrolyte

* The efficiencies are 37-- 85% of the standard cell from N719
 (Patent filing on 2008)

Novel Ruthenium dye

- * Extend conjugated chain
- * LUMO energy



Performance of New Ruthenium Dyes

Dye	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA/cm ²)	FF	η (%)
ECIC1	0.74	7.44	0.63	3.42
ECIC2	0.75	8.00	0.62	3.74
ECIC3	0.78	8.22	0.64	4.09
N719	0.76	7.36	0.61	3.38

Test conditions:

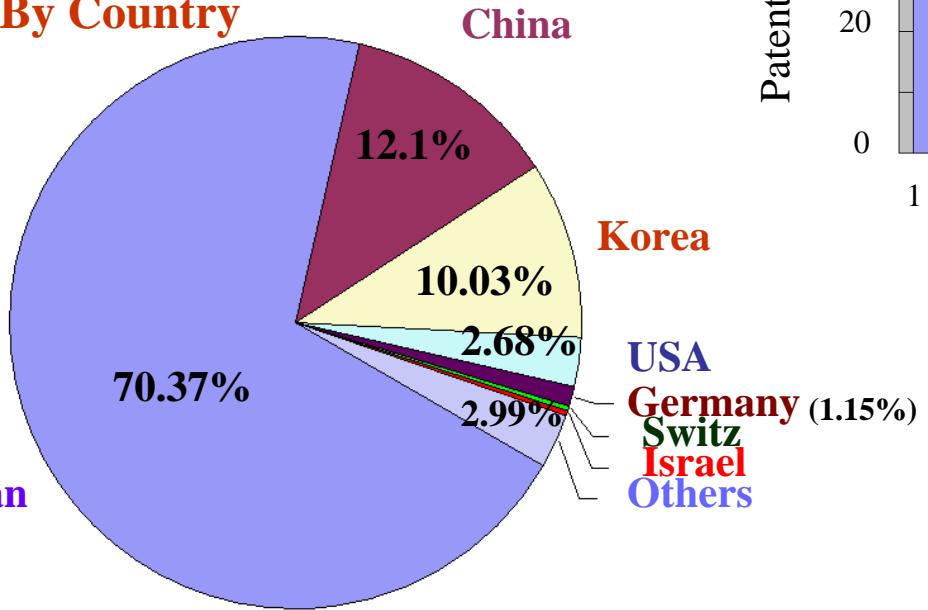
1. Active area : 0.25 cm²
2. Light source : 100 mW/cm²
3. TiO₂ thickness : 6 μ m
4. 3X10⁻⁴ M in CH₃CN/ t-BuOH
5. I⁻ / I₃⁻ Liquid electrolyte

*The efficiencies are 101– 121% of the standard cell from N719
 (2 patents filing on 2008)

The Global R&D strength in DSSC

Patent Analysis

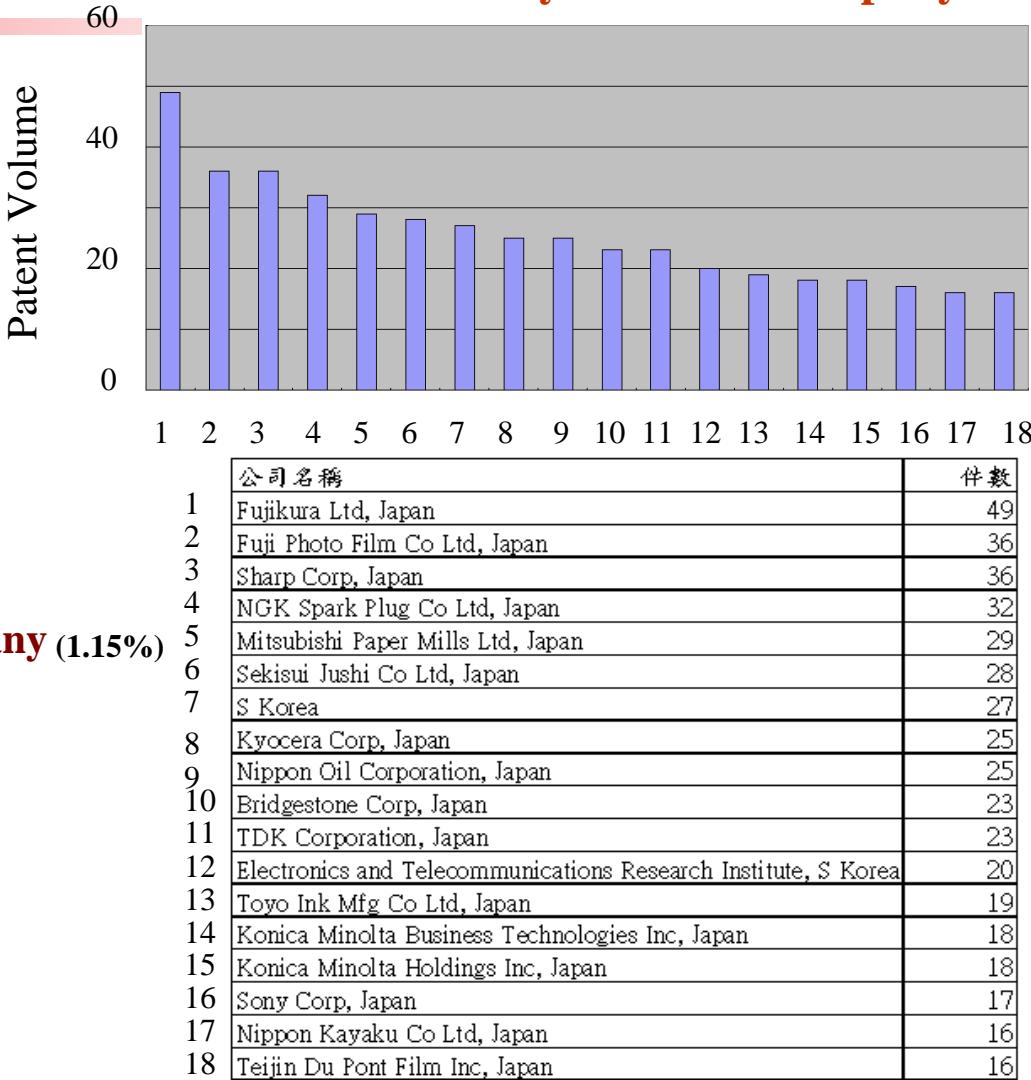
By Country



ECIC has 5 patents are filing.

Data analysis : 2009/04 by ECIC

By Institute/Company



Future concern on DSC --world -wide cooperation and connection



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